

AGREEMENT BROKEN.

The \$74,000 of Midland Bonds Still in Doubt.

THE CONTRACT WITH AGENT P. G. NOEL

Not Carried Out by the Illinois Loan and Trust Company—Looking Into the Matter.

The Illinois Loan and Trust company has failed to keep its contract with the city of Topeka.

It has been generally supposed that the \$74,000 8 per cent refunding bonds known as the solid bonds were provided for by the city fiscal agent, Mr. P. G. Noel, over a month ago, and Mr. Noel did make a concession with the Illinois Trust company for covering those bonds, but the contract has not been regarded and the bonds are still in default.

Most of these bonds are held in the vicinity of West Chester, Pa., and because of the failure of the city to cover for the Midland bonds when due, the people of West Chester refused to even consider the purchase of the Shawnee county court bonds.

According to the contract of the Illinois Loan and Trust company, signed by its president, A. F. Ross, with the city, this company was to take the \$74,000 refunding bonds at 8 per cent, which would be a saving of 8 per cent to the city in the transaction. The trust company agreed to place the money for these bonds in the Topeka fiscal agency in New York in order that the outstanding bonds might be taken up in blocks of \$5,000 as they should be presented.

The failure of the Illinois Loan and Trust company, which is a Chicago concern, to take up these bonds has caused the financial managers of the city some uneasiness, as it was supposed the signing of the contract with President Ross settled the entire transaction.

The city could readily place a new issue of bonds at 8 per cent with the holders of the old bonds, but the idea of the finance committee of the council is to save the city three per cent by placing the bonds with other parties at a per cent.

It was supposed this saving had been made, but the failure of the Chicago concern to live up to its contract will cause the city to continue to pay 8 per cent on the old bonds from the time they were due until they are paid.

The finance committee of the city council is now looking into the matter and if the Chicago concern does not take up their bonds immediately their committee will be informed and the bonds will be placed with other parties.

Arrangements have been made to take up these Midland bonds by local parties, but Frank Agent Noel prefers to place them with eastern parties as it would take that much money out of local circulation if they are purchased at home.

KANSAS MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Military Board Considering Transposition and Training Schools.

Lieutenant Governor Daniels assembled the state military board at the lieutenant governor's office in the state house at ten o'clock yesterday morning.

All of the members of the board were there except Brigadier General S. L. Laramore, but he came at the afternoon meeting.

The entire day has been spent in investigating quarterly visits and trying to make a settlement with the Santa Fe and Rock Island railroads, who ask full fare for the transportation of state militia to the state armaments. No settlement, however, was arrived at at today's meeting.

The report of the committee as to a school of instruction for the commissioned officers of the state militia will be submitted tomorrow. The plan proposed is to have the commissioned officers receive instruction from a regular army officer.

The state military board is composed of Lieutenant Governor Daniels, Adjutant General Arzt, Brigadier General Sears of Lawrence, Parsons of Clyde and Hettiger of Wichita.

UP FROM THE SLUMS.

An "Arimed Murder" Case on Trial in the District Court.

The first case to be tried at this term of the district court is that of the state against Ewing Richardson, who is charged with assault with intent to kill.

Richardson is the colored man who, in the big negro row in South Topeka a few weeks ago, slashed his knife around and succeeded in cutting Paul Russell, and Rock Island railroads, who ask full fare for the transportation of state militia to the state armaments. No settlement, however, was arrived at at today's meeting.

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Mayor Harrison has appointed A. C. Wallace weighmaster in North Topeka to succeed Charles Davis.

The celebration of Robert Burns' birthday by the Topeka Scottish society will be held in Hamilton hall.

A. W. Dinsmore's talk on James Russell Lowell at the last meeting of the county barbers association.

Marc Robbins only stayed with the Spangler company one week. He came home from Washington Saturday night.

Dr. McCurdy presented the police force with a box of cigars for drafting a blanket that had been stolen from him.

The man for the members of Mahan's industries came in today to argue for them. It was nearly all from Tennessee.

Judge Basson has been appointed steward of the Topeka insane asylum. He has filed his bond for \$10,000.

Governor Lewelling will not speak at the Agricultural society meeting tomorrow night, because of his absence from the city.

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Election Commissioners Frank Herald expresses fear that he may be following Mr. Hudson in being ordered out of the city hall.

The public schools were closed yesterday afternoon to give the business an opportunity to attend the funeral of Mrs. H. W. Fairhurst.

Two boys escaped from the reform school yesterday afternoon. One of them was captured at the Santa Fe depot last night and the other is still at large.

The Woman's Progressive Political Union will discuss the incorporation of a suffrage plank in the platform of the political parties at their meeting tomorrow.

W. W. Kirk of Topeka, is one of the directors of the Bow Creek Irrigation company of Sedgewick county, which has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Mrs. A. M. Clark, who was presented with the carved wood work of the Turkish exhibit at the World's fair has given the entire exhibit to the state board of agriculture.

Dr. Flint mesmerized a young man into the belief that he was Dr. Walker a few nights ago. He advanced to the front of the stage and said: "Some people can't resign when they want to."

Alexander Drummond, who has been letter carrier for the post office and Santa Fe offices, has been transferred to an eighth street route. The carrier has been given the state house route.

DR. BILL TONIGHT.

At the Grand tonight and tomorrow evening "Dr. Bill" will be the attraction.

The play is said to be very laughable and filled with funny incidents. It is also made interesting by specialties and songs.

Tourist Shampoo in California.

Via the Santa Fe Room every day in the year without change. Snow blankets avoided by using this line through New Mexico and Arizona, the "Land of Sunshine."

Good work done by the Peerless.

THE CITY IN FOR IT.

According to a Decision of Father Judge Examining Today.

Police Judge Ensminger handed down a lengthy decision today in the case of the city against S. E. Foreman, in which he discharged the defendant and decided that the city could not collect debts on the sale of territory for a patent issued by the government.

The judge cited no less than a dozen cases from many large volumes of reports and statutes. His decision in substance was to the effect that the patent granted the right to dispose of the article and that if the city could regulate the sale, as a sequence it could stop it altogether, which was plainly in conflict with the government regulations.

Foreman will now sue the city for being deprived of his liberty, it being acknowledged up over 24 hours. The *World Journal* reporter he would commence a suit for damages probably \$500, at once.

"TRUSTIES" NOT TRUSTY.

Two of the Boys at the Reform School Escape.

Two of the "trusties" at the State Reform school proved themselves to be not trustworthy last night by escaping. They were sent some distance from the main building as an exercise of water, and they took the opportunity of escaping.

Both boys are El Cameron and Paul Phillips. Cameron was arrested about midnight last night at the Santa Fe depot by Officers Owen and Conroy. Phillips was with Cameron at the time, but he escaped.

Cameron's term would have expired in two months, but Phillips' term did not expire until next July.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Our weekly snap shot news.

Miss Anna Jones of Leavenworth, Mrs. Leavenworth, and Mrs. A. H. Connell's guest, Mrs. Gillett of Chicago and Miss Dwyer of New York.

The rooms were charmingly decorated with palms, hyacinths and roses, and twenty ladies enjoyed their beauty while they conversed pleasantly over many kinds of needle work. A delightful luncheon was served.

The Detective Whist club met this afternoon with Mrs. Arthur Langford.

Mr. W. H. Thrapp will return to Chicago Saturday.

W. E. Murray was up from Lawrence yesterday.

Miss Myra Morton of St. Louis, is visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tamlinson will observe the twentieth anniversary of their wedding tomorrow evening at their home in Peotone. A number of friends are invited to assist in celebrating the happy occasion.

Miss Alice Davidson returned yesterday from Chicago after a pleasant visit with Miss Harriet Broad.

Miss Chas. Spencer leaves Thursday for Lake Charles, La. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Geary will accompany her.

P. O. Popenoe went to New York yesterday.

Miss Lena Spaulding of Kansas City is the guest of Mrs. Chester Thomas. She expects to spend the remainder of the winter in Topeka.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Neubauer entered the B. B. club Saturday evening.

Mr. S. C. Garrard has returned from Kansas City where she spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jordan and daughter were up from Walkerton yesterday.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Topeka Lodge No. 38, B. I. O. E., will give a ball Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, at Hamilton hall.

Fred Grothe leaves tomorrow for Chicago to remain two weeks.

The Modern Woodmen will initiate their new team tonight at their hall.

Mrs. Edward Young of Burlington is the guest of Miss Grace Wolcott in Peotone.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hanika will entertain the Professional Higlight club Wednesday evening.

Miss Anna Sharp will give a dancing party Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Kirk.

Mrs. Harold Newburg of Omaha is visiting her mother on West Sixth street.

S. M. Murphy went to Omaha yesterday.

Mrs. R. G. Smith spent Monday in Burlingame.

The Levi-Marc wedding will be an elaborate affair.

P. S. Davis spent Sunday in Kansas City.

Miss Mary Chase of Newton is spending a few days in Topeka.

P. D. Nichols has gone to Chicago.

H. M. Sanders went to Osage City yesterday.

TO BUILD THAT ROAD.

Nothing Daunted, the "North and South People Convene Today."

The Board of Directors of the proposed north and south railroad are in session today at the governor's private office behind closed doors.

Private Secretary Close as chairman of the board holds the key and is the master of the board knock for admittance to the private office. Mr. Close welcomes them with smiles and handshakes.

Six members of the board of directors are by attendance, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota are represented each by a delegate. Mr. Kempson, of Topeka, formerly of the Long Star State, will represent Texas and says the scheme is a sure go and that the road will be built if he has to build it himself. Mr. Kempson's assets consist of a cab pipe and a meal ticket. As he entered the executive office this morning he had a package of books and pamphlets under his arm, and he might have been mistaken for a book agent. His dress was rather "summery," but that was accounted for because he came from Texas—summy Texas. He wore a black sack and said it was all the style "in Texas." It was here about six years ago.

John Hale has resigned his place with Will Griffith and has become a member of the firm of Hale & Kidder.

Will Piley, after an absence of two years, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Piley.

A. A. Piley, who has been confined to his home the past week by the grippe, is some better and expects to be able to resume work in a short time.

Turtles are a late addition to the North Topeka market. One man brought in four from Silver Lake this morning and sold them to a restaurant keeper. They averaged about eighteen pounds each in weight.

A joint installation of the new officers of Blue post and Blue corps G. A. R. will occur Friday evening at their hall in the Hartman block. The affair will be open to the public and a number of visitors are expected.

The members of the fire department at station No. 1, seeing no prospect of obtaining the required repairs on the floor of the building through the city fathers, have taken the matter in hand themselves, and have taken the floor in good condition. The city has in this way saved a considerable expense, but the station needs a new floor.

There are daily complaints of the degradations of chicken houses. Folger brothers had 20 fine black Spanish hens recently, any one of which would weigh six pounds.

Charlie Sumner is also among the last victims. J. H. Heller, who once once takes his wagon nearly every night to use in stealing expeditions. Late they have failed on two occasions to return all the harness and he is disposed to object.

I am an expert in making faces and offer ten styles of cabinet bad photos at half price—one dollar per dozen and up.

Come and see me at Aldridge, 1015 North Kansas avenue.

Choice round lamb at 7c per pound, hind-lard, variegated, strictly pure, at 12½c per lb. at Ed Buechner's meat market.

Try our Witch Hazel Cream for chapped hands and rough skin. A. J. Arnold & Son, 821 Kansas ave. Established 1870.

Peerless Steam Laundry, Phone 232.

If you want to preserve your pickles use the "Silver Leaf" vinegar. It is guaranteed. For sale by all leading houses.

A fine line of cutlery for the holidays trade at Henry's, 820 Kansas avenue.

Oil heating stoves and baseburners at cost. J. H. Fouch.

Two loaves of bread for 9 cents at Ed Buechner's meat market.

BRICKMAKERS AND STONEWORKERS.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 9.—The annual convention of the Brickmakers and Stonemasons' International Union of America, which opened informally yesterday afternoon, got down to business today. Three hundred and fifty delegates responded to the roll call. The changes in the methods of erecting buildings in many parts of the country have been so great during the past two years that many questions of the utmost importance will demand the attention of the convention.

Harry Moore was arrested yesterday for assault with intent to kill. Moore is the colored young man who shot Nelson Morris through the hip at a church social on West Curtis street two weeks ago. Moore claims the shooting was accidental, and his friends insist that it was a "didn't know it was loaded" affair. Morris refused to prosecute Moore at the time of the shooting. He has changed his mind since.

Judge Basson has refused to release

Turner on the grounds of insanity, although the papers of a Colorado court

were introduced as evidence. It was shown that he is now perfectly sane and Judge Basson said his present condition must alone be considered. Turner's trial is set for tomorrow in the district court.

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Since refitting our dining room we have

the neatest place in the city, Whittier & Co., 780 Kansas avenue.

Good work done by the Peerless.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A Number of Small and Informal Social Affairs.

MANY EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.